per the feedback available from the Drug Control Administration, Government of NCT of Delhi, only one sample of drug manufactured by M/s. Cooper Pharma,Delhi, (not M/s Kooper Pharma Delhi) had been reported to be not of standard quality during the period 2002-03.

(b) Metronidazole Tablets I.P., B No. NB2-21 was declared not of standard quality for the reason that the sample did not conform to IP *w.r.t.* test for dissolution.

(c) The licence of the firm in part in respect of manufacturing of Metronidazole Tablets IP was cancelled by the Licensing Authority, Delhi.

Progress of HIV programmes

271. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to steate:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the world's largest number of HIV infected people; and

(b) if so, the reasons for HIV/AIDS programme not making progress inspite of several international agencies donating millions of dollars into anti HIV programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. India has second highest number of people estimated to be infected with HIV the first being South Africa. Government of India is implementing a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme as a centrally sponsored scheme since 1987. During the second phase of the National AIDS Control Programme from 1999 onwards, a substantive effort has been made to upscale the services and various interventions for prevention and control of AIDS in the country.

As a result of various measures undertaken, awareness about HIV/AIDS has increased as 76.1% of survey respondents had ever heard of HIV/AIDS and 46.8% were aware of two important methods of prevention of transmission. 58.9% of responded stated that HIV/AIDS can be prevented by consistent condom use. As a result of all these measures, low prevalence. States have remained low and moderate and high prevalence States remained in the same category and no upsurge has been seen in the spread of HIV epidemic in the country.